

SAMA 1980-81 report

State expenditure rises to SR212b

JEDDAH, Oct. 29 (SPA) — The total actual government expenditure during the fiscal year 1980-81 amounted to SR212 billion, an increase of 13 percent compared to the previous year, according to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's annual report.

The SAMA report attributed the rise to expenditures on projects, which increased by 23.1 percent. Current expenditure also recorded a slight increase of 3.6 percent, while government expenditure for the non-oil sector Gross Domestic Production (GDP) had dropped.

This reflects the expanding role played by the private sector in domestic production and the non-oil GDP, increasing its absorptive capacity, and the contribution of government spending in riyals, the report said.

It stated that the real Gross Domestic Production growth during the year dropped from the previous year's 9.6 percent to 8.1 percent. The reduction is totally attributed to the oil sector as it increased participation in the GDP by four percent more than its 7.4 percent growth during the 1979-80 fiscal year. Meanwhile, the private sector has maintained its growth rate at 12.6 percent.

The report added that the government sector recorded an improvement of 0.8 percent over the previous year's 10.1 percent mark. As a result, the oil sector's share in

the real GDP growth has dropped from 48.4 percent in 1979-80 to 46.6 percent in the last fiscal year. On the other hand, the private and government sectors' contributions to the real GNP growth has increased accordingly.

In the area of monetary and bank activities, the SAMA report revealed that the money supply had risen by 20.4 percent during the 1980-81 year compared to an increase of 18.4 percent in the year before. Bank deposits have exercised a dominant influence by contributing 94 percent of the rise in money supply during the fiscal year. Bank deposits' growth rate increased from 17.6 percent in the 1979-80 year to 29.2 percent in the last fiscal year, indicating a clear change from cash in hand toward bank deposits.

Currency in circulation dropped from 34.7 percent to a percentage point of 29.9, while the bank deposits' share increased to 70.1 percent in the last fiscal year from 65.3 percent in the year before.

The report also stated that net foreign assets registered growth and accounted for more than 50 percent of the banking development growth rate allowed for the private sector. Lending institutions operating in the Kingdom continued to expand the scope of their activities during the fiscal year 1980-81, the report said. These institu-

tions include the Saudi Agricultural Bank, the Saudi Industrial Development Fund, Energy Investments Fund, the Real Estate Development Fund and the Saudi Credit Bank.

The total credit and loans granted by these institutions until February 4, 1981, amounted to SR81,524.3 billion. This represents an increase of SR18,368 billion or 29.1 percent over the same period of the year before.

During the year 1980, Saudi Arabian families living in towns with an average monthly income ranged between SR2,000 and SR7,000, set a record in the annual cost of living as the real increase amounted only 3.13 percent.

State revenues for the current fiscal year, 1981-82, were estimated at SR340 billion while expenditure was set at SR398 according to the current budget. The state expenditure for this year represents an increase of 40.6 percent over the actual expenditure for the last fiscal year, the report said.

The expenditure allocations, according to each sector's share, indicate that the government has concentrated on developing the municipal, education, training, economic sectors and infrastructure. Large allocations also were made for increasing salaries of civil and military personnel and providing subsidies for the domestic food, agricultural and animal production sectors.

Khaled greets Turkish leader

RIYADH, Oct. 29 (SPA) — King Khaled sent a cable of congratulations to the Turkish President Kenan Evren on the occasion of his national day anniversary.

In his message, the King has expressed his brotherly and sincere compliments, and wishes of good health for President Evren and prosperity, progress and welfare for the brotherly Turkish people.

Chinese work here commended

JEDDAH, Oct. 29 (CNA) — The Board Chairman of the Chinese Taiwan Power Company L.K. Chen which is engaged in work here said Thursday that the government of the Kingdom is pleased with the results of cooperation and hopes to obtain more Chinese experts to participate in the country's power development program.

Chen, accompanied by Taipower Vice President Chen Ming-han, concludes his week-long visit to the Kingdom and is leaving here later in the day.

During the visit, Chen met with Yusuf Al-Hammad, deputy minister of industry and electricity, and Mahmoud Taiba, governor of the general electricity corp., and both officials expressed appreciation for Taipower's increasing participation in the Kingdom's power development program.

They pointed out that the Saudi Arabian government attaches great importance to its 25-year long-term power development program in which Taipower is to take part. They hope the Chinese state enterprise will send more senior experts to participate in the program's monitoring, follow-up and updating work.

Taiba especially mentioned the Taipower-constructed Baha rural electrification program, saying its quality is the best among the four major rural electrification projects built during the Kingdom's 1975-80 Second Five-Year Development Plan.

Chen also visited various sites of Taipower projects here and was proud of the performance personnel working in the Kingdom.

BRIEFS

JUBAIL (SPA) — The delegation of U.S. businessmen and media representatives toured the industrial city of Jubail Thursday. The group, escorted by the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu Secretary General Dr. Farouk Akhdar, inspected the construction sites of iron, steel, petrochemical and other projects. The also visited the industrial port. The American group arrived in Jubail Thursday as part of tour of the Kingdom. Later on during the day after they left the country for Oman.

BAHA, (SPA) — By the beginning of the current academic year, 39 new girls schools had been opened in the Baha region alone, according to officials Thursday. They include 30 primary schools, seven intermediate, one secondary and a teacher's training institute. Abdul Hadi Al-Omari, Baha girls' education director, said that the total number of girls schools in the region has reached 189 catering for more than 15,000 students.

DAMMAM, (SPA) — Dammam's Social Insurance Office will begin to pay out pensions to deserving subscribers in Dammam, Alkhar, Thaqba, Dhahran and Rakah as of Saturday, officials announced.

OIC Sahel committee plans to disburse \$210m in aid

JEDDAH, Oct. 29 — Hahib Chatti, the secretary general of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference, will open a three-day conference here Saturday to channel aid totaling \$210 million to drought-stricken countries of the African Sahel, namely Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad.

During the 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in Baghdad last June, Saudi Arabia gave \$100 million, Kuwait \$50 million, Iraq \$30 million and the United Arab Emirates \$30 million for the emergency relief assistance. Of this amount, \$48.04 million are allocated for food aid and \$162 million for emergency project assistance.

Finance Ministers of the Committee of Islamic Solidarity with the Peoples of the Sahel, set up by a resolution of the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Makkah-Taif last January, met in Tunis in August this year and defined the ways for channelling aid to the drought-stricken countries. Saturday's meeting will decide on the executive steps to be taken to let the assistance reach the beneficiaries as soon as possible. It will be convened at

experts' level and will also be attended by observers from the Islamic Development Bank, the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, the United Nations Development Program and the Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel known as CILSS.

The Islamic Solidarity Committee with the Peoples of the Sahel comprises the OIC secretary general and the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Palestine, Malaysia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait, and the representative of the current president of the CILSS (President Moussa Traore of Mali). It is placed under the patronage of Iraqi Vice President Taha Mohieddin.

Sahel is a large strip of about 5,000 kms extending from the south of the Sahara, from the Atlantic to the depth of Africa. This region has fallen victim to frequent droughts of a serious nature during the period from 1968 to 1980, resulting in catastrophic effects on the natural resources of the region and on its inhabitants.

The OIC member states are already members of the CILSS which is made up of Chad, Gambia, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Upper Volta.

Riyadh seminar calls for fighting alcoholism

By Javid Hassan

RIYADH, Oct. 29 — A four-day seminar on alcoholism, organized by the Arab Center for Security Studies and Training, ended here Wednesday with a call for a probe into the factors inducing alcoholism and a search for its solution. Delegates from Iraq, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia and Sudan besides Saudi Arabia participated in the symposium held at Riyadh University.

This was the second symposium sponsored by the center, set up last year, to promote research, conduct training and bring out publications on criminal and sociological problems in the Arab world, besides organizing exhibitions on the latest in security equipment and technology for Arab countries. The first symposium, held in January, was on prisons, its advantages and disadvantages.

Two more symposia are slated for next year. The first will be on the responsibilities of information centers in the Arab world and the second on the methods of reforming the criminal. The deliberations of this week's symposium will be brought out in book form, according to the seminar's supervisor Hamza Yaacoub.

The symposium started with a welcome speech by the Riyadh University Vice Chancellor Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, who said the university was happy to host the deliberations

aimed at examining the sociological problem of alcoholism.

The theme of the discussions was spelled out by Dr. Farouk Murad from the Ministry of Interior. Dwelling on the baneful effects of alcoholism, he said it was for this reason that it was prohibited by Islam. Murad hoped the seminar will address itself to the problem and suggest how it can be rooted out.

Opening the discussions, Dr. Farid Al-Muhtadi of the College of Pharmacy (Riyadh university) defined alcohol and alcoholic addiction and the contributory factors. He also explained the physical and chemical properties of alcohol, its use in medicine and perfumery and outlined the research done at Riyadh university for substituting alcohol with other solvents. He was followed by Dr. Muhammad Ismail of the College of Education (Riyadh university) who defined alcoholism with reference to the psychological parameters of the problem.

Spotlighting attention on the factors of alcoholism, Dr. Atallah Khalidi, mental health consultant and associate professor at Riyadh university, said three factors were responsible: The substance itself, the personality of the drinker and the cultural norms of society. He said the drinkers fell in three categories. The first was the experimentation group, the second the irregular group and the third the regular group. The first tries alcohol

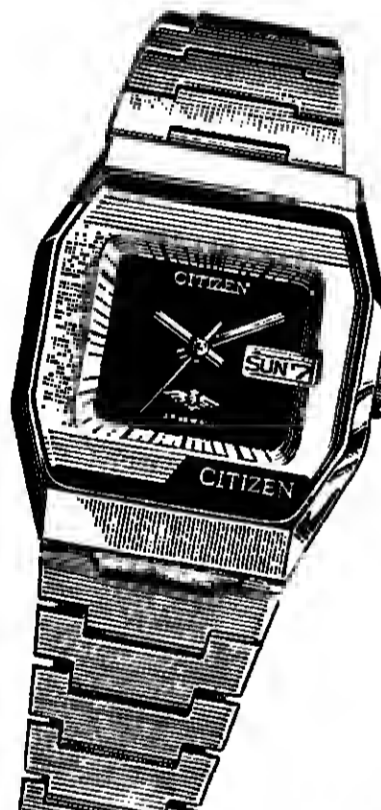
out of curiosity and bails there because it does not give them what they are looking for. The irregulars drink occasionally. The regulars are slaves of alcohol. They depend on it wholly and cannot accomplish anything without the bottle.

He said the chronicers are so much addicted to the bottle that they would not mind stealing to get their daily ration. Thus their life was marked by a total lack of ethics. Dr. Khalidi called for research into the problem in the Kingdom. Based on ongoing research in the West, Khalidi identified four causes of alcoholism. They were the biochemical, psychological and sociological factors and predisposed heredity.

Dr. Mahmoud Abu Zaid, associate professor of sociology from Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University (IMSIU), brought a sociological analysis to bear on the problem of alcoholism. He said Islam is the only answer to the problem and can solve all problems within the society, its culture and the social structure. Dr. Abdullah Al-Rakhdan of the Shariah College (IMSIU) spoke on the Islamic way of combating alcoholism, while Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Mutraf of the College of Pharmacy of Riyadh university spoke on the management and treatment of the withdrawal symptoms of alcohol. He also discussed the drugs being used to prevent the relapse of alcoholism.

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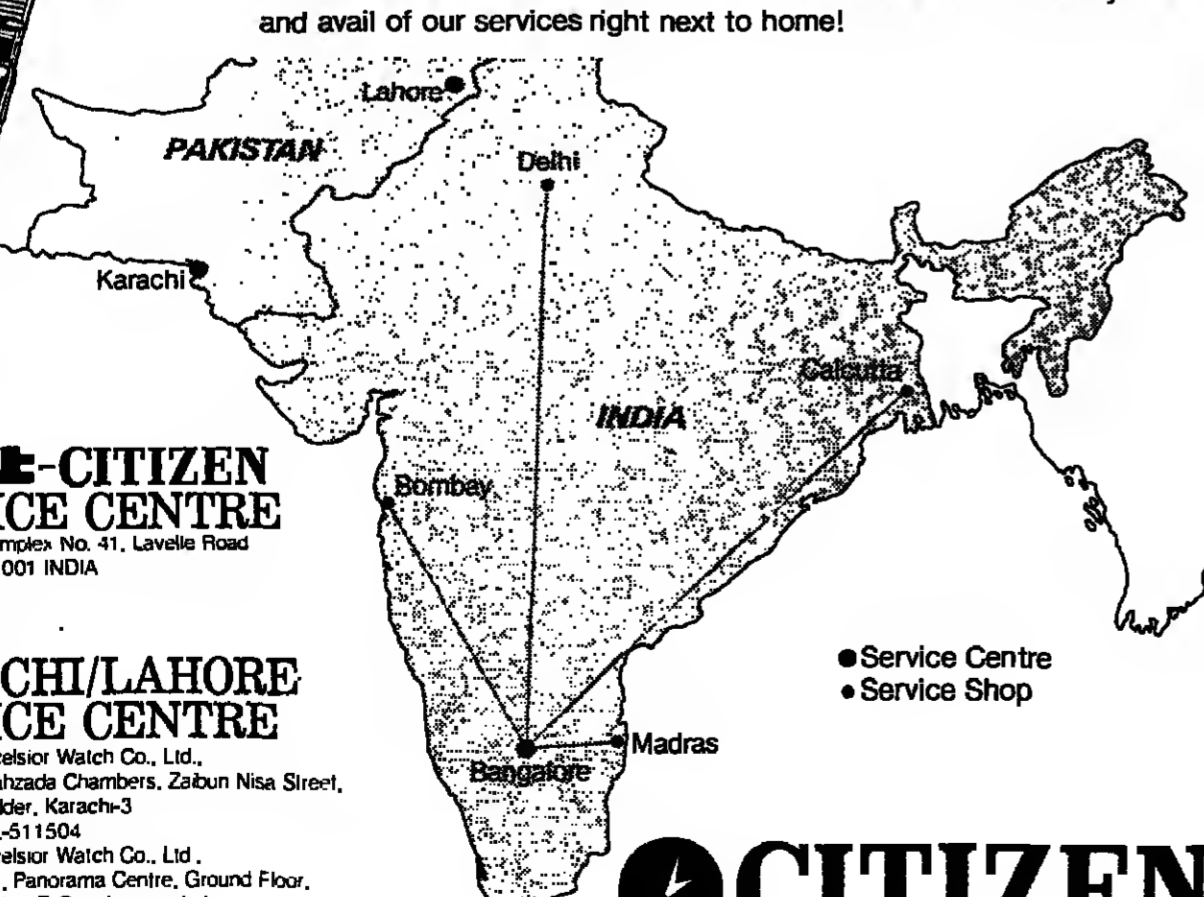
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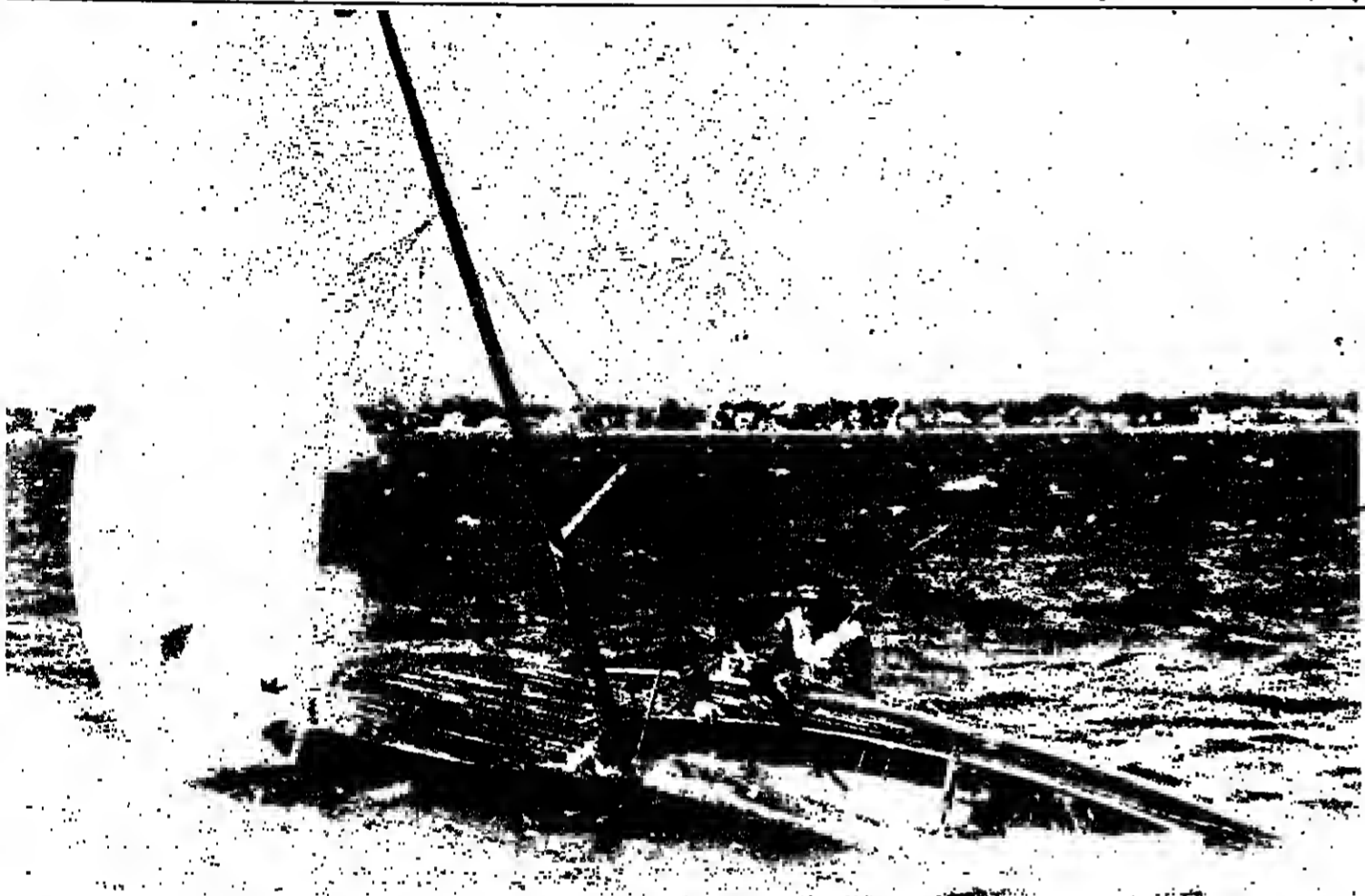
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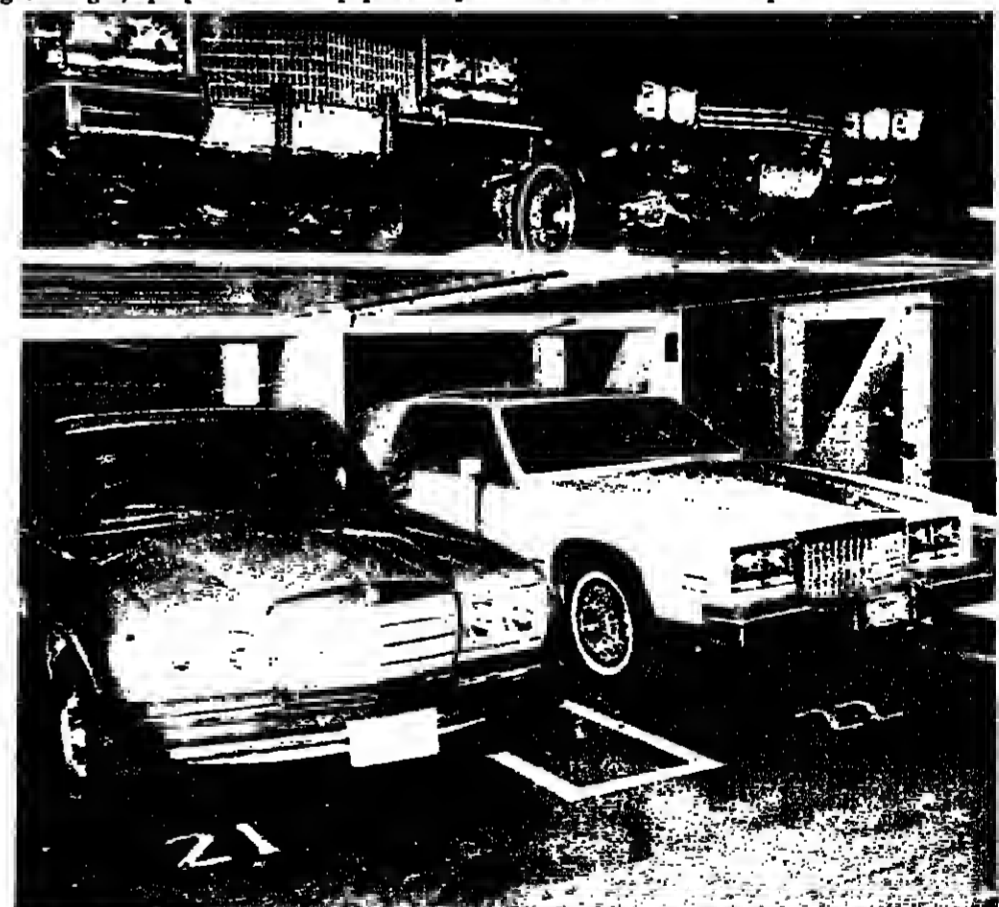
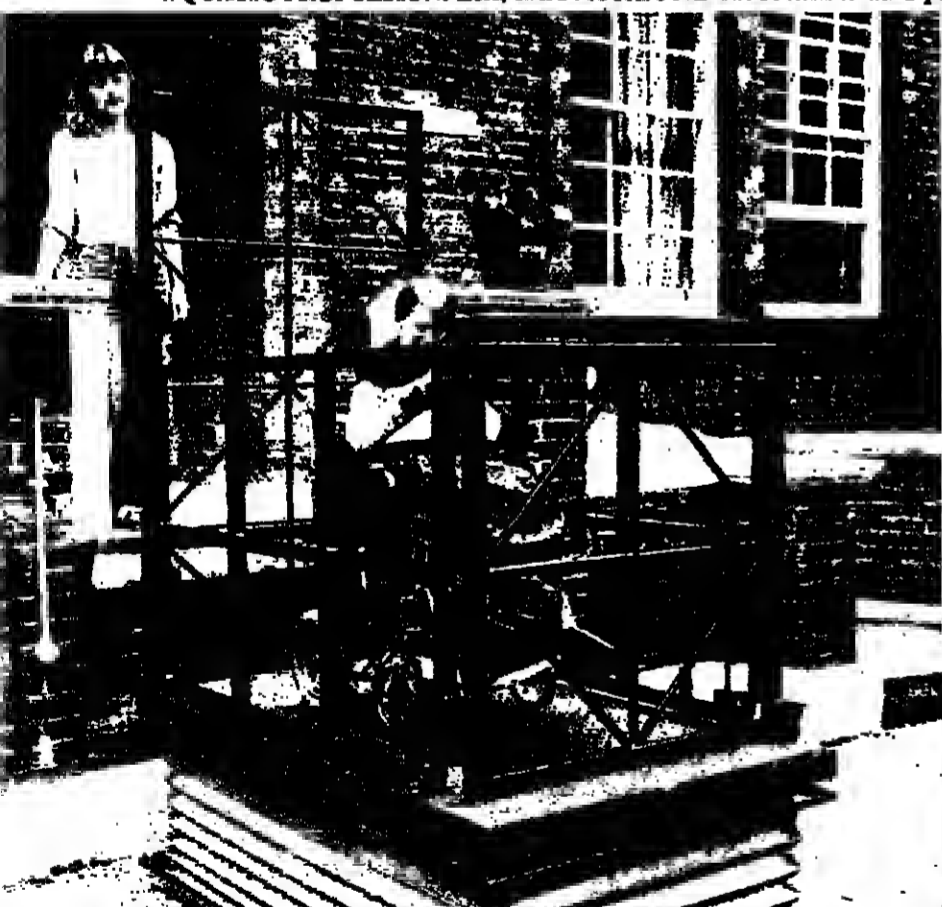
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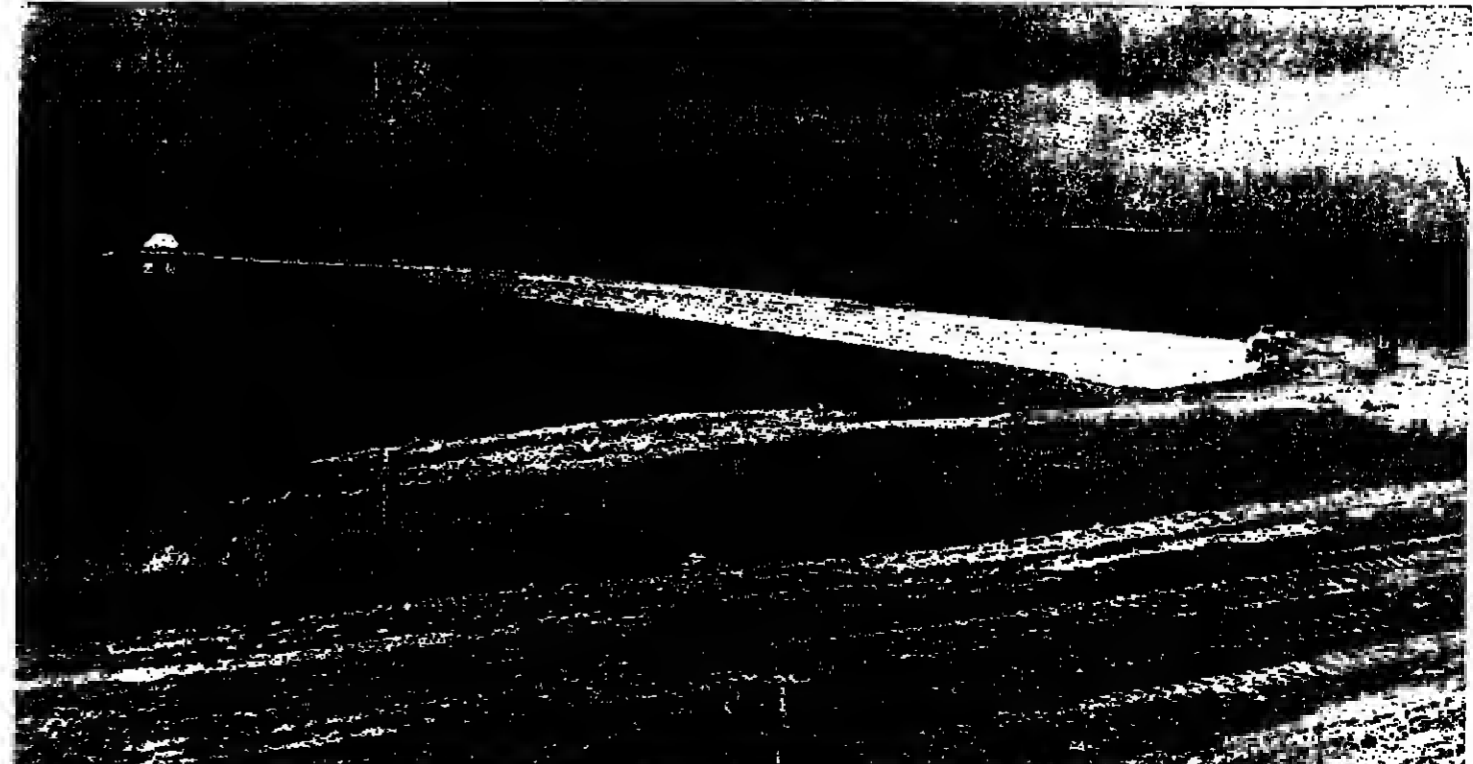
LONDON BOMB SCENE: Kenneth Howorth of Bracknell, Berkshire, a civilian working for the Metropolitan Police bomb disposal squad died trying to defuse the IRA bomb which caused this damage. In the 12 years since the bombs began to go off in Northern Ireland there have been no busier bomb disposal units than those of the British Army, since 1970 they have neutralized 292,000 pounds of high explosives and 17 experts have died.



AQUATIC PROPULSION: Left, there are some hazards related to wind-power as the sailors here prove when their boat capsized off St. Petersburg, Florida and were unable to right it. Right, a porpoise called 'Flip' pulls a boy and his boat at the Miami Seaquarium.



MODERN ELEVATORS: A ramp is not always a practical proposition for a disabled person, so, above left, a scissor lift by Becker provides easy access where an obstacle previously existed. Center, a rack and pinion driven climbing work platform called the Aliclimber runs on steel lattice masts fixed to the building and can be as high as 52 feet. Right, elevated parking enables two cars to park in one space.



ICING TESTS: The helicopter at the left is entering a water spray produced at the right to determine how fast ice will build up on its rotor blades and other surfaces in Ottawa, Canada. In cold weather, the spray rig provides a heavy ice-build-up in a short time. Information obtained from the tests will be used to design systems which will allow craft to fly into icing conditions.

KIELDER DAM: The largest man-made lake in Europe is now nearing completion in north east England. The dam is 1140 meters long and 52 meters above river bed level with a storage capacity of 188 million cubic meters of water. The water from this dam will meet water shortages throughout a large area nearby.

To borrow heavily

U.S. records \$57b budget deficit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (R) — The U.S. government has said it finished the 1981 financial year with a higher than expected budget deficit of \$57.9 billion.

Boeing earns \$90m profit

SEATTLE, Oct. 29 (R) — Boeing, the world's largest aircraft manufacturer, said that a fall in aircraft orders pushed its third-quarter earnings down by 34 percent from the same period last year.

Yen seen topping world currencies

TOKYO, Oct. 29 (AFP) — The yen could next year become the world's strongest currency, better placed than the Swiss franc and deutsche mark.

recession apparently sapped corporate profits over the last few months, thereby cutting down the government's take on those profits.

OIC states to promote farming

JEDDAH, Oct. 29 — Member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference have agreed on a comprehensive program of action to strengthen cooperation in the field of food and agriculture.

OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti in his speech remarked that all conditions necessary to realize self-sufficiency objectives exist in the economies of OIC members and they should aim to solve the problem of food shortage by specializing in food production at sub-regional and national level.

"I still expect an increase, but this shades it a little closer toward balance," said economist David Lund.

The biggest differences between August's \$5.6 billion deficit and September's \$2.6 billion shortfall were in the 12.7 percent decline in imported manufactured goods and in the 12.2 percent increase in exports of farm goods.

Airlines plan drive to bolster traffic

CANNES, Oct. 29 (R) — World airline executives decided at a conference here to launch a major drive to generate new traffic and cut operational costs further to combat the effects of the world economic recession.

London Commodities

Table with columns: Commodity, Closing Price, Thursday, Wednesday. Includes Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, Lead, Zinc, Aluminium, Nickel, Sugar, Coffee, Cocoa, etc.

Tanzania faces acute food crisis

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Oct. 29 (R) — Tanzania is rapidly running out of food and will face a major crisis by the end of the year unless the government requests aid from abroad.

Ford incurs \$334m loss

DEARBORN, Michigan, Oct. 29 (R) — Ford Motor Company, the second largest U.S. car manufacturer, has reported a loss of \$334.5 million for the third quarter of 1981.

WFP panel vetoes \$5m aid to Hanoi

ROME, Oct. 29 (AFP) — The World Food Program (WFP) had an almost shameful lack of success in its bid to get a \$5 million aid plan for Vietnam.

Squabbles over cash blur EEC's vision

BRUSSELS, Oct. 29 (R) — After more than a year of negotiations among the 10-member states over what was billed as an attempt at the most fundamental reform of the EEC in its history, the wider issues have largely become submerged in a squabble about cash.

Dollar tastes mixed fortunes

JEDDAH, Oct. 29 — The dollar had mixed fortunes on the European exchange markets Thursday with the American currency holding its ground overall.

Bonn cuts defense by \$87m

BONN, Oct. 29 (R) — The West German cabinet has cut 200 million marks (\$87 million) from next year's defense budget to help trim a big new federal budget deficit.

Mobil's profits slide by 30 percent

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (AP) — Mobil Corp., the United States' second-largest oil company, said Wednesday its third-quarter profit fell 30 percent from a year earlier.

Thatcher wins no-confidence move

LONDON, Oct. 29 (AFP) — The Conservative government won a vote of confidence on its policy against unemployment by a margin of 62 votes Wednesday night.

Eurodollar deposit rates are not that much far off from other key European currency rates. For example, one-year rates are now quoted at 16 1/2 — 16 3/4 percent — not much different from sterling rates and are exactly the same as French franc rates.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Table with columns: Currency, Rate, Transfer. Lists rates for Bahraini Dinar, Bangladeshi Taka, Belgian Franc, Canadian Dollar, etc.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS table with columns: Municipality, Description, Amount, Date.

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Table with columns: Berth, Name of Vessel, Agent, Type of Cargo, Arr. Date. Lists ship arrivals and expected arrivals.

